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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Mariners, Seamen, and Landmen, to Enter themselves on Board His Majesties Ships of War.

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WE being desirous to give all due Encouragement to such Able and Ordinary Seamen, and also to all Able-bodied Landmen, who shall voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, and remain on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, Have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all such Able and Ordinary Seamen, and Able-bodied Landmen, who either since the Ninth Day of this present Month have Entred, or shall within Twenty eight Days after the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation, voluntarily Enter themselves, and remain on Board any of Our Ships of War of the First, Second, Third or Fourth Rate, or Tenders belonging to Our Fleet, shall receive as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Allowances and Rewards following: (Viz.) Each Able Seaman Thirty Shillings, and each Ordinary Seaman, or Able-bodied Landman, Twenty five Shillings, to be paid to them before the said Ships respectively go to Sea; And in regard We are Informed, That there are now in this Kingdom, and particularly in or about the Cities of London and Westminster, several of the Soldiers that did belong to the Marine Regiments, lately Commanded by the Marquis of Carmarthen and Sir Cloudesly Shovell, who have Served a considerable time at Sea, We do hereby further Promise and Declare, That such of the said Soldiers, and all such other Able-bodied Landmen who either have Entred, or shall Enter themselves within the respective times herein before mentioned, and shall remain on board any of Our Ships of War, of the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Rate, or on any of Our Tenders belonging to Our Fleet, shall each of them have and receive as Our Royal Bounty the same Sum of Money, and to be paid at such time and in such manner as is herein before provided for an Ordinary Seaman. And We do hereby further Declare, That such Seamen, and Able-bodied Landmen, who have Entred themselves, or shall voluntarily Enter themselves, on Board any of Our Ships of War, or other Vessels or Tenders belonging to Our Fleet, within the respective times aforesaid, and shall, when on Board, make it appear by Ticket, or otherwise, they have any Wages due to them on the Books, the Money so due to them shall be paid so soon as Our Fleet shall be at Sea; And they shall likewise have a Months Pay Gratis as a further Encouragement. And We do hereby Require and Direct, That if any Able Seaman, Ordinary Seaman, or Able-bodied Landman shall within Twenty eight Days after the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation, Enter himself with any Justice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral, to Serve on Board any of Our First, Second, Third, or Fourth-Rate Ships, the said Justice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral respectively, shall give to each Man so Entring, a Certificate under his Hand and Seal of his Entry, and the time of such Entry, and for what Ship, and shall limit such a Number of Days in the said Certificate, as may be necessary for his repairing on Board the said Ship, or any other Ship or Tender in Our Service, which Certificate shall be granted without any Fee, or Reward. And We do hereby further Declare, That all such Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen who shall within the time limited and appointed in such Certificate repair on Board any of Our Ships or Tenders, shall be Entitled to Our Royal Bounty herein before appointed, according to their respective Qualifications. And to the end, We may be truly Informed what Persons shall so Enter themselves to Serve on Board Our Fleet in pursuance of this Proclamation, We do hereby Require and Command Our respective Justices of the Peace, and Vice-Admirals, within this Kingdom and the Dominion of Wales, to transmit to the Commissioners of Our Navy, Lists, containing the Christian and Surnames of each Person who shall Enter with them, the time of their Entry, for what Ship, and the time which shall be given to each Person to repair on Board. And We do hereby further Charge and Command all Our Captains Commanding any of Our Ships of War, or Tenders, to transmit to the Commissioners of Our Navy, true Accounts in Writing under their Hands, of the several times when the said Men shall respectively come on Board. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen and Landmen to repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, and give their Constant Attendance for fitting out to Sea such Ships, as each of them do belong unto. And We are also Graciously pleased to Declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall likewise be allowed to such Seamen and Landmen as shall voluntarily Enter themselves, and remain on Board any of Our said Ships, according to the True Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for Prevention of any Deceit and Abuses, that may happen by any Person, or Persons, leaving the Ships to which they belong, and entring him or themselves on Board any other of Our said Ships, as aforesaid, in order to the Obtaining of the Bounty-Mony herein before granted; We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare, and Command, That such Seamen, and Landmen, belonging to any of Our Ships, or Vessels whatsoever, as shall leave any of the Ships, or Vessels, to which they belong, and Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in order to the obtaining of the said Bounty-Mony, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ship, which they shall so leave, but also be severely Punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Twenty sixth Day of *February*, 170$\frac{0}{1}$. In the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

Venice, Feb. 18. *N.S.* The Cardinal *d'Estrees* is preparing to leave this Place, and to go to *Modena*, *Parma*, and other Courts of *Italy*, not having succeeded in the Business he came hither about, which was, to propose to this Republick to enter into an Alliance with *France*. The Troops lately arrived from *Dalmatia*, are sent to reinforce the Garrison of *Verona*; They write from thence, that Proveditore-General *Molino* is gone to view the Fortifications of *Brescia*, *Bergamo*, and several other Frontier Towns; and the Senate have sent to him Signior *Alberti*, whom they have made one of their Principal Engineers, to assist him in giving Directions for the necessary Repairs to be made in those Places. This week the Senate made choice of Signior *Giovanni Pietro Pasqualigo* to be their Ambassador at the *French* Court; The Chevalier *Foscarini*, who was appointed to go with the same Character to *Vienna*, having desired to be excused from this Employment, the Senate have consented thereto, on condition that he shall pay 20000 Ducats into the Publick Treasury, and have made him a Procurator of St *Mark*. The Duke of *Mantua* has not yet left this Place; he has lately been several times in Conference with the Deputies of the Senate, and intends to send the Marquis *de Beretti*, his First Minister, to the Pope, with some Proposals (as 'tis supposed) concerning a League to be entred into by the Princes of *Italy*.

Vienna, Febr. 19. The Imperial Forces that are now actually on their march towards *Italy*, are about 8000 Men; and the rest are preparing to follow, having been paid their Arrears, and Money being provided for their Subsistence in their march;

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